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**Notification of Two Public Teleconferences
of the Science Advisory Board
Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Panel to discuss the Panel's draft review report of EPA's Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011 Draft*).

DATES: The SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel will conduct public teleconferences on May 1, 2012 and May 8, 2012. The teleconferences on these dates will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The public teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the public teleconferences may contact Dr. Diana Wong,

Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2049 or via e-mail at wong.diana-M@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA) codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Panel will hold two public teleconferences to discuss its draft review report of EPA's draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*). The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested SAB to review EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos in Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The draft assessment evaluates cancer and noncancer health hazards and exposure-response of Libby amphibole asbestos. The

SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel previously held a face-to-face meeting on February 6-8, 2012 to discuss its review comments on EPA's draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*). Background information about this SAB review can be found on the SAB website at

http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Libby%20Cancer%20Assessment?OpenDocument

The purpose of the upcoming teleconferences is for the SAB Libby Amphibole Asbestos Review Panel to discuss its draft review report.

Availability of the review materials: Agendas and materials in support of the teleconferences will be placed on the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the teleconferences. For technical questions and information concerning EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Libby Amphibole Asbestos (*August 2011*), please contact Dr. Danielle DeVoney, of EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), by phone (703) 347-8558, or via e-mail at devoney.daniel@epa.gov; or Dr. Bob Benson, of EPA Region 8, by phone (303) 312-7070, or via e-mail at benson.bob@epa.gov.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific

advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB panel to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact Dr. Diana Wong, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), at the contact information noted above, by April 24, 2012 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the May 1, 2012 public teleconference. Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by April 24, 2012 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in electronic format via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference.

Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Diana Wong at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 21, 2012.

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